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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN' S PRESS BRIEFING MAY 22,
1973:

QUOTE: Q. THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS LEFT OVER ABOUT IRAN
FROM YESTERDAY. BUT BEFORE WE GET INTO THAT, DOES THE
STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY COMMENT, ANY STATEMENT, ANY
ASSESSMENT, OF SENATOR FULBRIGHT' S SPEECH OF YESTERDAY ON
THE MIDDLE EAST ON OIL?

A. WE WILL NOT BE COMMENTING ON THE SPEECH. HOWEVER, I
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS ONE POINT. THE IDEA OF USING FORCE,
WHICH WAS MENTIONED IN THE SPEECH, DOES NOT REFLECT IN ANY
WAY ANY THOUGHT WITHIN THIS ADMINISTRATION.

Q. HAS THERE BEEN ANY TALK IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, OR IS
THERE ANY MEMORANDA OF ANY KIND THAT WOULD DESIGNATE
SURROGATES IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO ACT FOR THE UNITED STATES,
AS THE SENATOR HAS SAID?

A. YOU ARE GOING BACK TO THE CONTENTS OF THAT SPEECH. I
WILL JUST REFER YOU TO WHAT I HAVE SAID HERE.

Q. WELL, IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT' S POSITION STILL WHERE
IT HAD BEEN FOR THE PAST, SAY, YEAR AND A HALF OR TWO,
THAT THE UNITED STATES CANNOT BE A PARTY TO ANY IMPOSITION
OF A SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

A. I REALLY DON' T HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO WHAT I HAVE
SAID HERE.

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Q. WELL, IS THERE ANY CHANGE IN U. S. POLICY, IN ANY SENSE,
FROM THE POLICY REPORT ISSUED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND
BY THE WHITE HOUSE IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS?

A. NO.

Q. WE ASKED THE QUESTION EARLIER, ARE YOU OVERFLOWING WITH

INFORMATION ABOUT IRAN?

A. ACTUALLY, I DIDN' T HAVE A LOT OF TIME TO GET INTO
THAT. I WILL POST WHATEVER WE CAN ON YOUR QUESTIONS
YESTERDAY. END QUOTE. RUSH

NOTE BY OC/ T: POUCHED BAGHDAD, SANAA.

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